



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event is our Fall Meeting 1:30 – 4:30 pm on 30 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Instructions for joining via Zoom are on page 5. Zoom meeting starts at 2pm.

Refreshments will be provided by the chapter.

We're on the Web!

<https://www.nv-asa.org>

The Northern Virginia Chapter web page is a great source for late breaking news, such as weather-related cancellations.

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Fall Meeting with Speaker Mike Mitchell and Plant Exchange

**1:30 – 4:30 pm 30 October
Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Zoom starts at 2pm.**

The chapter will hold its fall meeting on 30 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.



Mike Mitchell examining a bonsai.

Chapter member **Mike Mitchell** will talk about his experiences learning to train satsuki azaleas for bonsai and what he has been taught about growing/maintaining them. **Mike** has studied satsuki in the USA and additionally has made over 30 trips to Japan to study at a prominent satsuki nursery. He will talk about these trips with a focus on how the Japanese professionals grow satsuki and develop them for bonsai. He is planning to bring along some of his satsuki to show the to the club.

Chapter Vice President **Ralph Habegger** will bring along his Chinzan plant and provide a short description of how he developed this bonsai. **Mike** is planning to bring along his Chinzan so we can compare the same satsuki plant grown with two different approaches on opposite sides of the planet.

We will also have a plant exchange. Bring those extras plants you have to share with other members. You might even find some great variety to add to your collection. Guidance on labeling and Zoom instructions are on page 5.

President's Message

A big thank you to all who came out to support our fall sale, one of our main fund raisers.

Our next event this year will be our October speaker, plant exchange and silent auction for some wonderful books about Azaleas donated to our chapter by **Bill Miller**. These books came from **Bill's** library as well as the libraries of the late **Dr. Bob Hobbs** and the late **Mrs. Jane Kinzie**. No matter where you are in the world, you will be able to connect by Zoom to hear our member, **Mike Mitchell** speaking about Satsuki bonsai.

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President's Message - continued

We will also be having a plant exchange. As you are thinning out your plants in your fall clean up, remember to pot up your extras and bring them along to our October 30 meeting. It will be treats for everyone and no tricks.

We are also planning our year to come, and we have lots of jobs where we can use some help. Please give me a call to let me know you would be interested in taking on one of the small or large ones.

We have just learned that the current Director at Meadowlark has taken a new position and will be leaving. We had hoped to replace some plants in the Klimavicz Legacy garden that had not survived our absence with COVID but have been asked to wait until the new director is in place. So, we shall hope for a potential spring planting party. See you on October 30.

Barb

Fall Azalea Sale 24 September

The chapter held its annual fall azalea sale at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on 24 September. The weather was beautiful and as usual, we had a large selection of beautiful and unique azalea varieties for sale. We sold 119 plants for a total of \$1891. We also picked up a new member, **Keely Shaughnessy**, from Germantown, MD.

We thank our volunteers **Paul and Carolyn Beck, David and Patsy Meadows, John and Barb Kirkwood, Ralph Habegger, Larry Martin, Carol Allen, Irene Aslan, Joanne Neckel, Lars Larson, and Barry Sperling**. We were also pleased to have **Ken and Madeleine Webb** help us with the sale. **Ken** is a past president of the American Rhododendron Society. They live in Victoria, British Columbia. (Photos by B. Kirkwood)



Carolyn Beck checks the azalea tags



Carol Allen places plants for the sale



Ken and Madeleine Webb joined us from Victoria, BC

Garden Photos

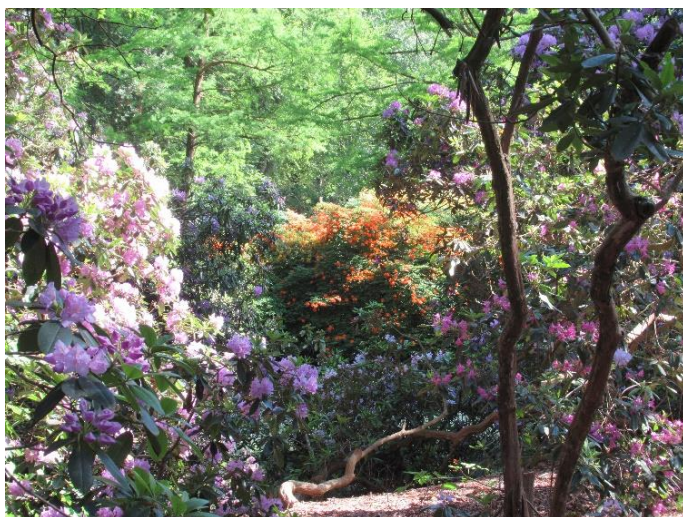
Our membership is spread across the country, Canada and Europe. Obviously, many of our members can't physically tour other members' gardens because of distance. Many of you work extremely hard to create beautiful gardens and you should show them off.

Additionally, many of us visit beautiful public and private gardens. We'd like you to share these photos with us especially, though not limited to, those gardens with azaleas in bloom.

If you would like to share photos of your gardens with the other members of our chapter, please send them to [rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rckfbauer@gmail.com). If appropriate, provide information on the photos provided.

Bremen Rhododendron Park, Bremen, Germany

The Bremen Rhododendron Park is a 104-acre rhododendron and azalea garden in Bremen, Germany. It contains the largest collection of rhododendron and azaleas in the world.





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Calendar for 2022

Below is the schedule for the 2022. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/events/>.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 30 1:30- 4:30 pm Zoom at 2pm	Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 30 (after chapter meeting)	Executive Committee Mtg	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 4 1:00 - 4:30 pm	Holiday Party	NV-ASA	Barb and John Kirkwood's Home

Directions to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152

From the East: Rte 95 exit 169B, Franconia Rd West, which becomes Old Keene Mill Rd (Rte 644) about 3 miles, passing Irving Middle School, to a Right at a light on Carrleigh Parkway
Make a U-turn at Dabney Avenue

From the West: Fairfax County Parkway (Rte 286)
East on Old Keene Mill Rd (Rte 644) about 3.5 miles, passing Rolling Road
to Left at a light on Carrleigh Parkway; Make a U-turn at Dabney Avenue

Preparing Plants for the Plant Exchange

The plant exchanges provide an excellent venue for parting with your excess plants and for adding additional varieties to your collection. Plants should be watered before donating, though not overly wet (i.e., no dripping of water from the container). Please label them with the name of the plant and the donor (the latter is in case someone has questions about the plant).

Zoom session login information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89339018025?pwd=R3NEQnhZS1RsVUxCMWUvRzJNcXpSdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 3901 8025

Passcode: 069639

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